



**KNUCKLES: THE RETURN**  
PART 1 OF 4

#9

APPROVED  
BY THE  
COMICS  
CODE

\$2.50 US



**SEGA**<sup>®</sup>

# SONIC UNIVERSE<sup>™</sup>



DIRECT EDITION

00911>

7 62816 20000 4

*Tram  
Yardley!*  
HENZEXER

Welcome to the planet Mobius – a world unique and beyond what you know from the SEGA games! Where Knuckles the Echidna, guardian of Angel Island, defends his friends and homeland from the forces of evil!



# ECHOES of the PAST PART ONE

Writer: IAN FLYNN • Pencils: TRACY YARDLEY! • Inks: JIM AMAISH  
Colors: JASON JENSEN • Letters: TERESA DAVIDSON  
Assistant Editor: PAUL KAMINSKI • Editor/Managing Editor: MIKE PELLERITO  
Editor-in-Chief: VICTOR GORELICK  
Special thanks to CINDY CHAU and JERRY CHU at SEGA Licensing



ALWAYS BLUNT, THAT ONE!

THE FILES, PLEASE.

RIGHT-O, BOSS!



I CALLED YOU HERE BECAUSE YOU LIED TO ME.

LIED?

ONE OF MY SCOUT TEAMS FOUND THE LAB OF DR. FINITEVUS. THIS IS A HARD COPY OF HIS NOTES ON "PROJECT ENERJAK: REBORN". IT DETAILS EVERYTHING, FROM START TO FINISH.



CATWEAZLE  
LOUD-MOUTH

GEN. HELMUT VON STRYKER  
LEADER OF THE DINGOES



IT'S BEEN ENLIGHTENING, AND IT PROVES THAT EVERYTHING WASN'T YOUR FAULT.\*

\*"EVERYTHING" BEING THE EPIC FROM STH#180-184



I STILL  
ATTACKED  
BLINDLY.

I RESPECT  
THAT, GUARDIAN,  
BUT WE'RE EVEN  
IN MY EYES.



I LOST  
MY SON, YOU  
LOST YOUR FATHER.  
BOTH OUR PEOPLES  
WERE REDUCED TO RAGS  
AND EXILED FROM  
THE HEART OF THE  
ISLAND. ASHES AND  
DUST IN EQUAL  
MEASURE.

THAT SAID,  
YOU WERE THE  
ONE HE USED, SO  
I'M GIVING YOU  
FIRST DIBS ON  
TAKING HIM  
DOWN.

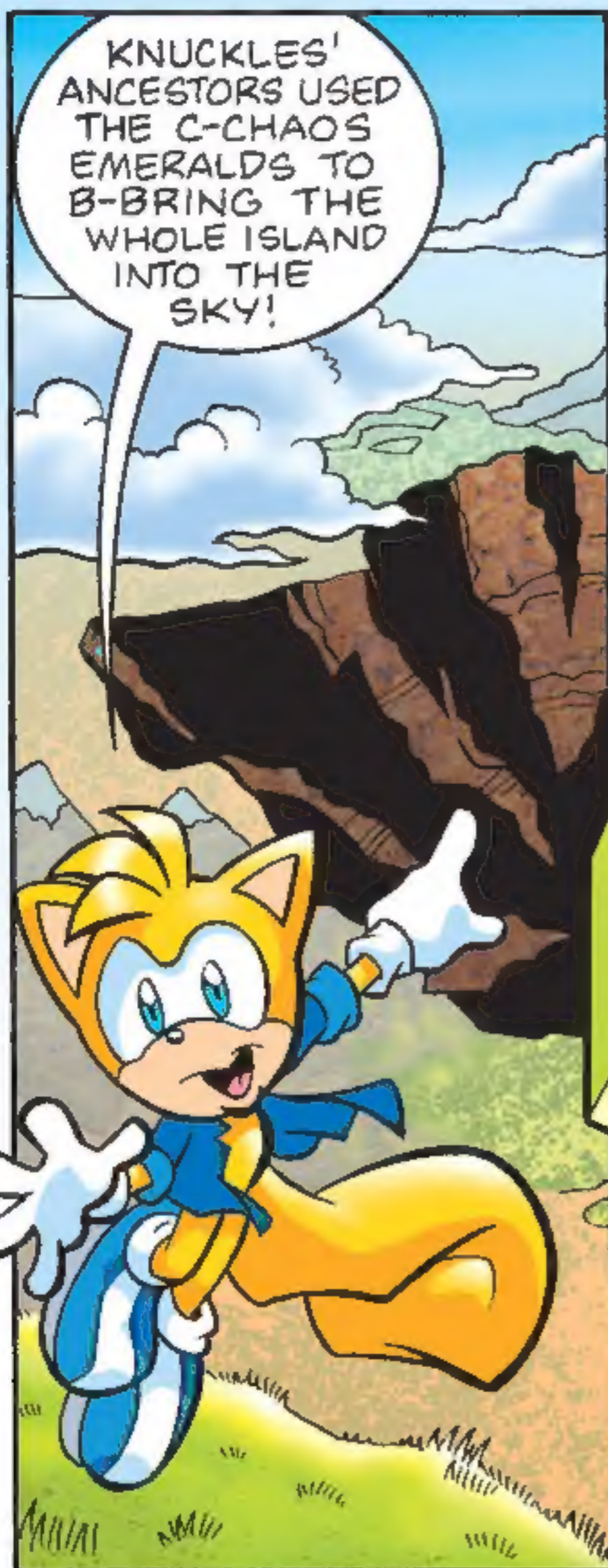
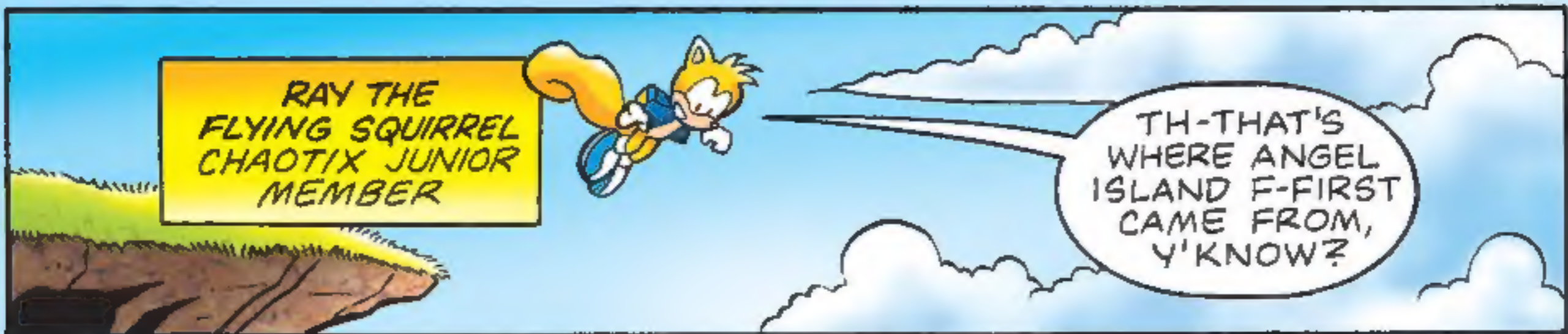
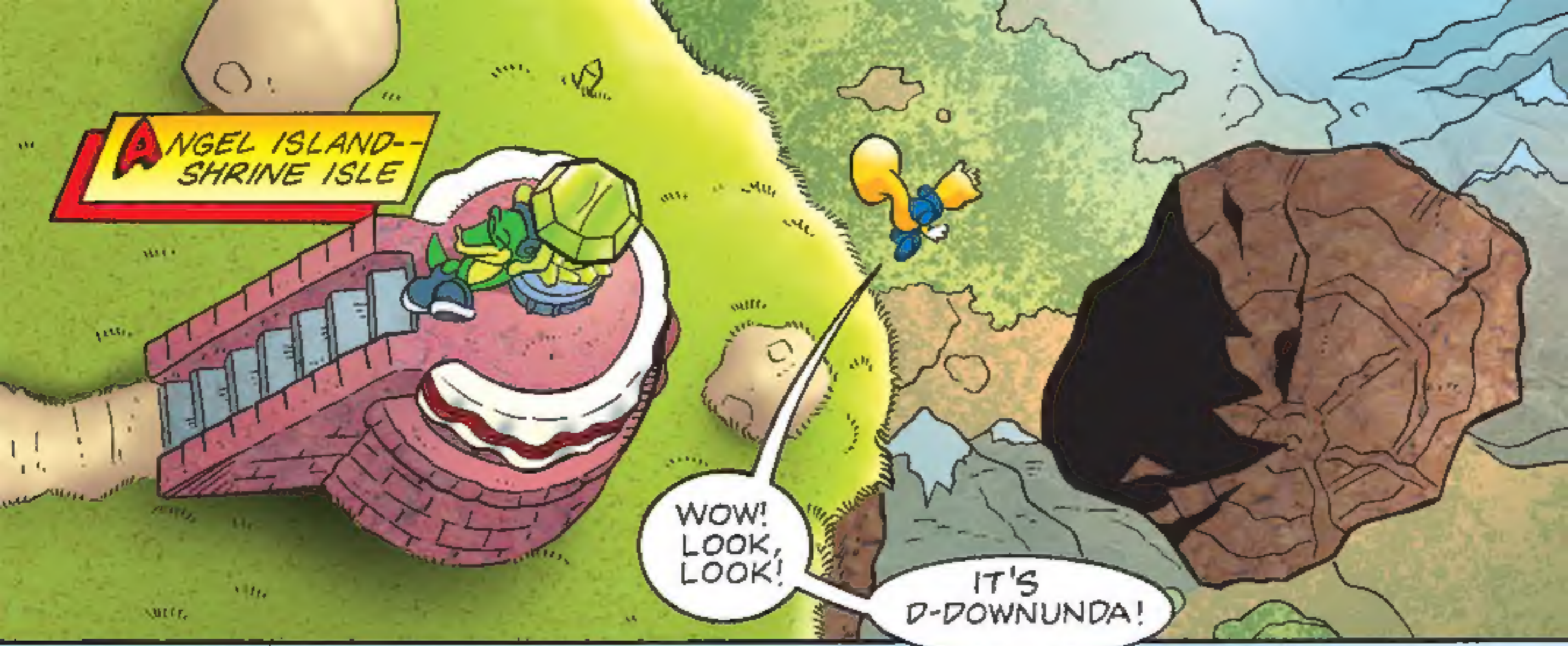
I--  
THANK YOU,  
GENERAL.

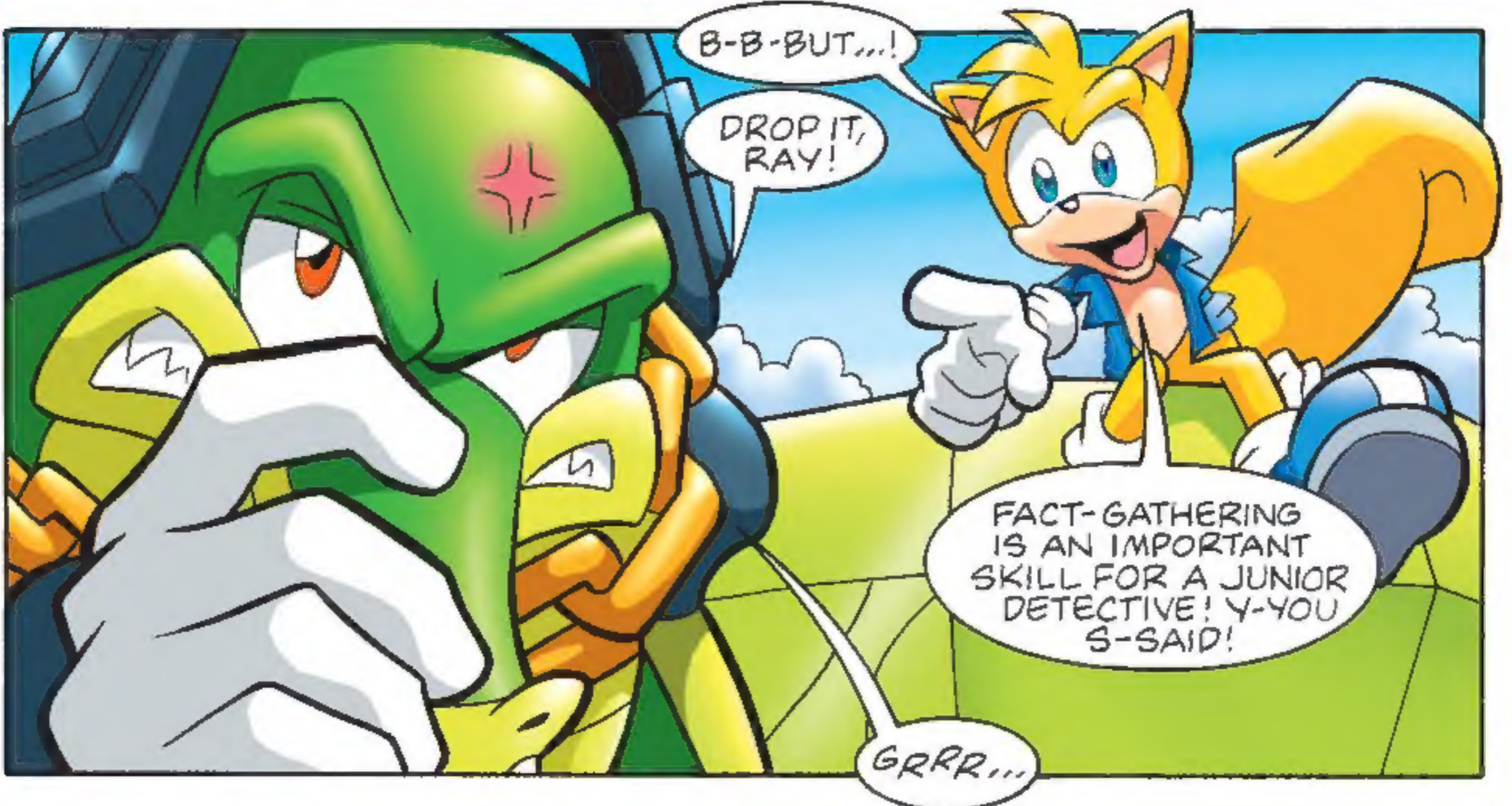
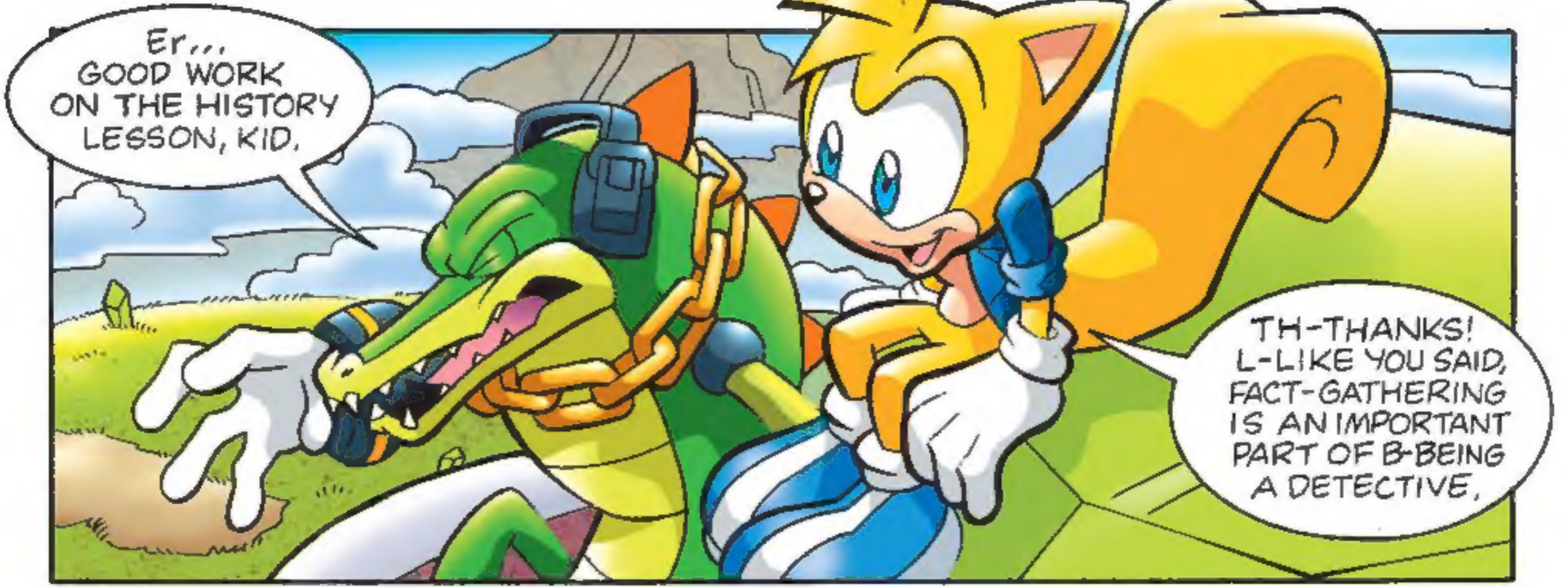


ONE  
OF MY MEN  
WILL TAKE  
YOU THERE,  
GOOD  
HUNTING.



AND WITH  
ANY LUCK, THE  
TWO OF YOU WILL  
FINISH EACH  
OTHER OFF FOR  
ME.







THERE'S NOT MUCH TO TELL. I WAS HATCHED THERE, BUT I NEVER KNEW MY FOLKS.



I HOOKED UP WITH A CREW OF ORPHANS, RAN AROUND THE OUTBACK, HAD SOME LAUGHS...



AND... THEN THINGS WENT SOUTH. I BUILT A GYROCOPTER\* AND GOT OUT OF THERE. THAT'S IT.

\*WE SAW IT IN STH#120



AND IF YOU WANT ANYTHING MORE, YOU CAN BUZZ OFF!

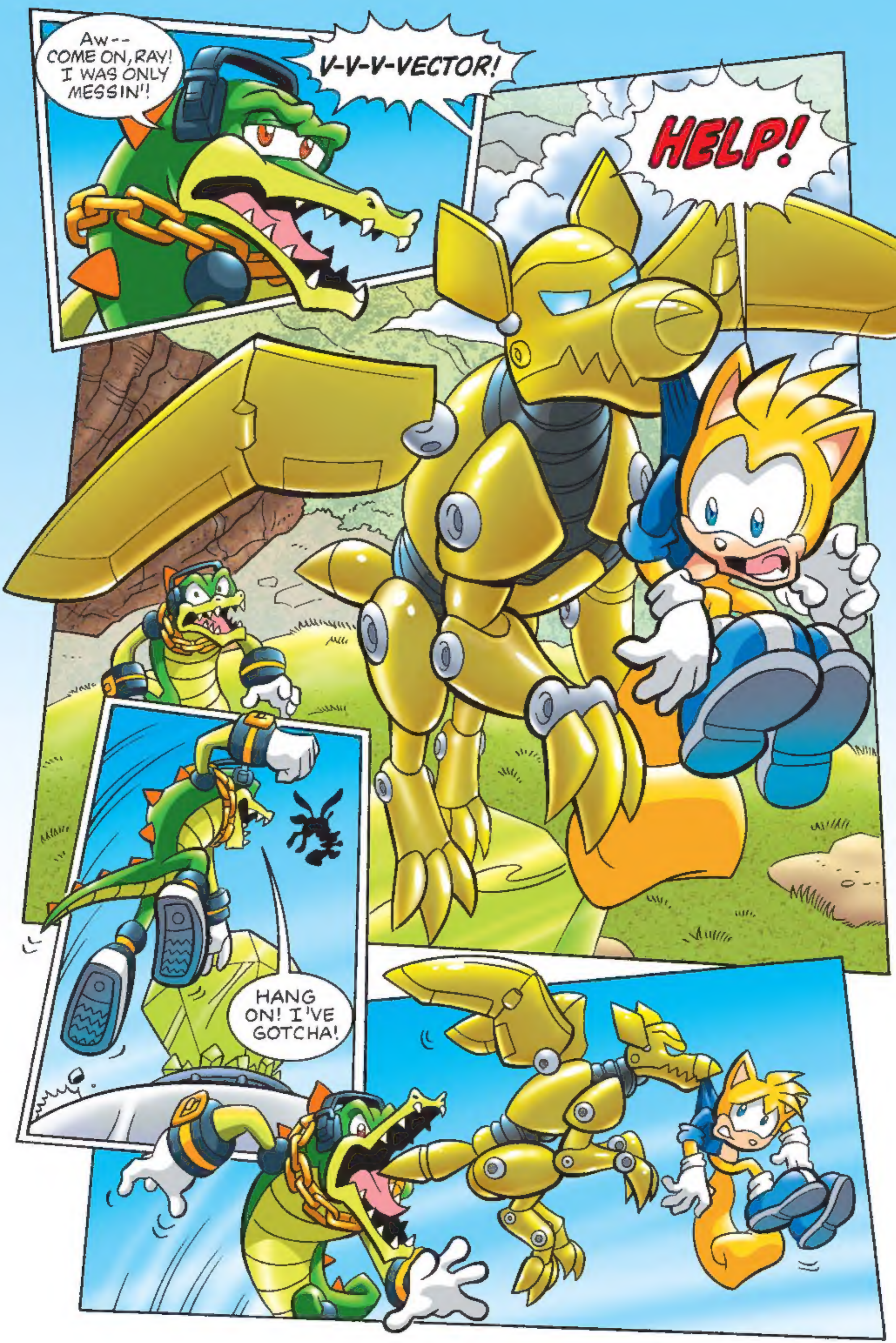


...RAY?

Aw--  
COME ON, RAY!  
I WAS ONLY  
MESSIN'!

V-V-V-VECTOR!

**HELP!**







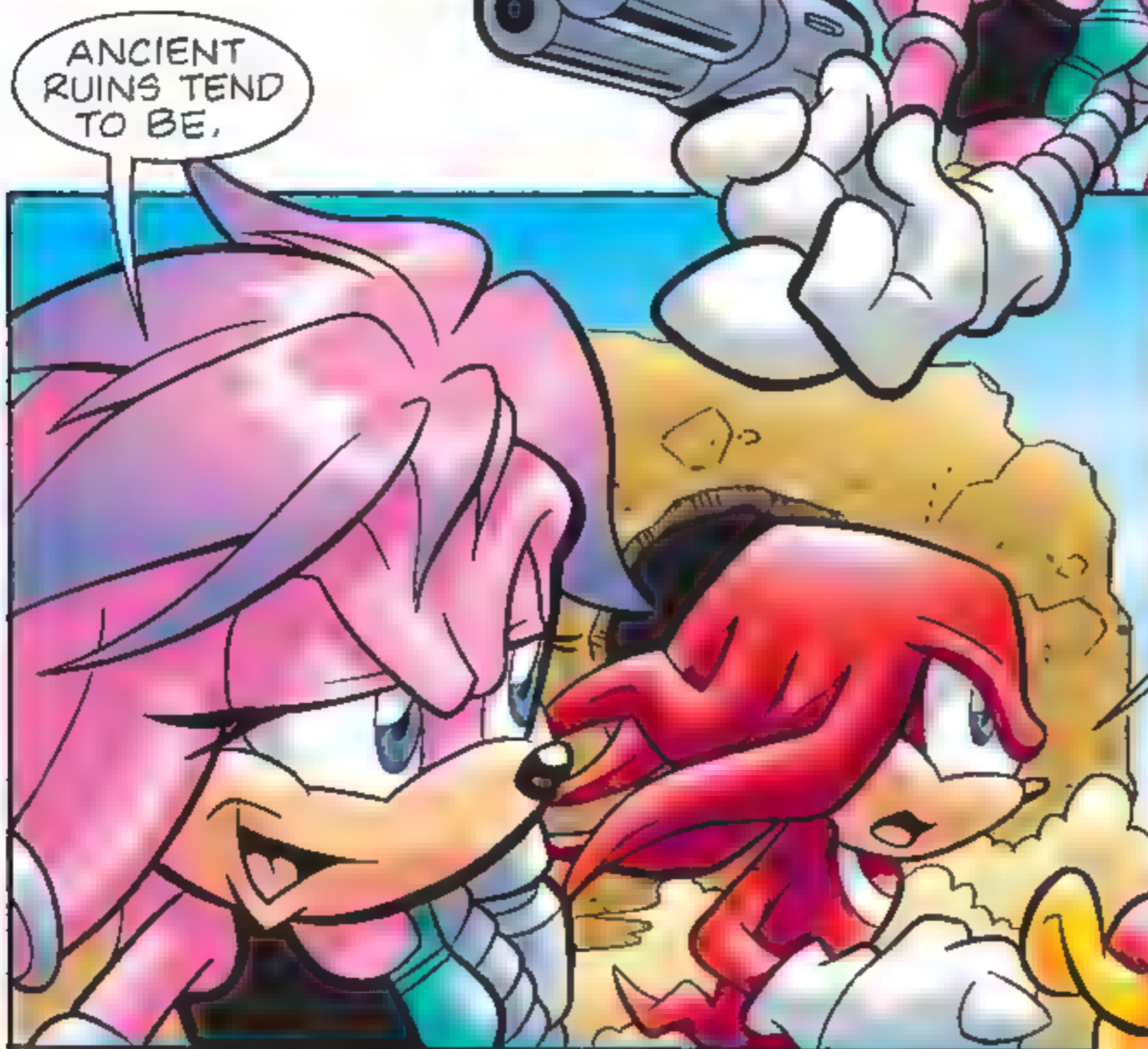
SANDOPOLIS  
DESERT

THIS IS WHERE FINITEVUS IS HIDING OUT?

SEEMS A LITTLE... OVERT, DON'T YOU THINK?

YOU HAD FULL RUN OF THE ISLAND FOR YEARS. HOW COME YOU DIDN'T KNOW ABOUT THIS PLACE?

I HAD PROBLEMS FACING THE DESERT WHEN I WAS LITTLE.

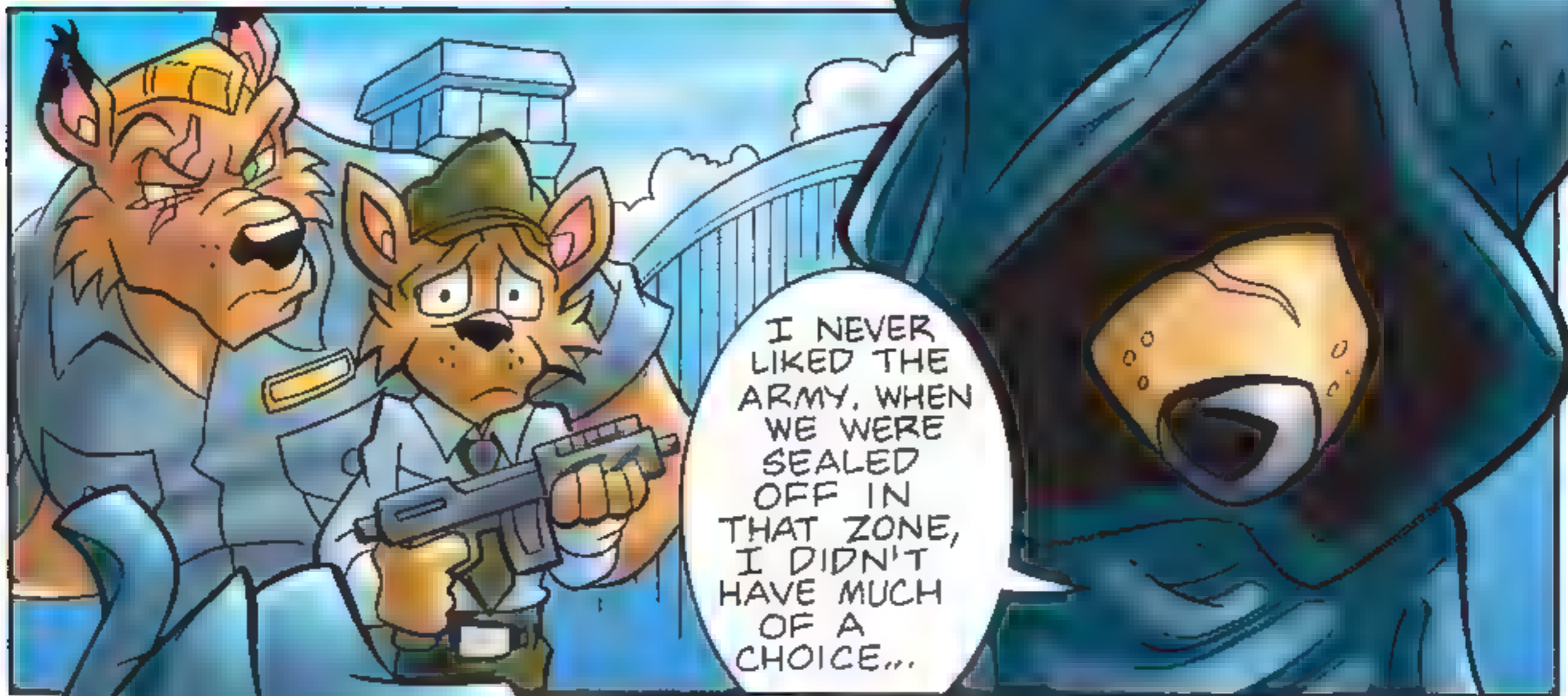




THEY MIGHT NOT RECOGNIZE YOU, HARRY, BUT I DO. YOU'VE HARDLY SAID A WORD DURING THE TRIP. WHAT'S WRONG?



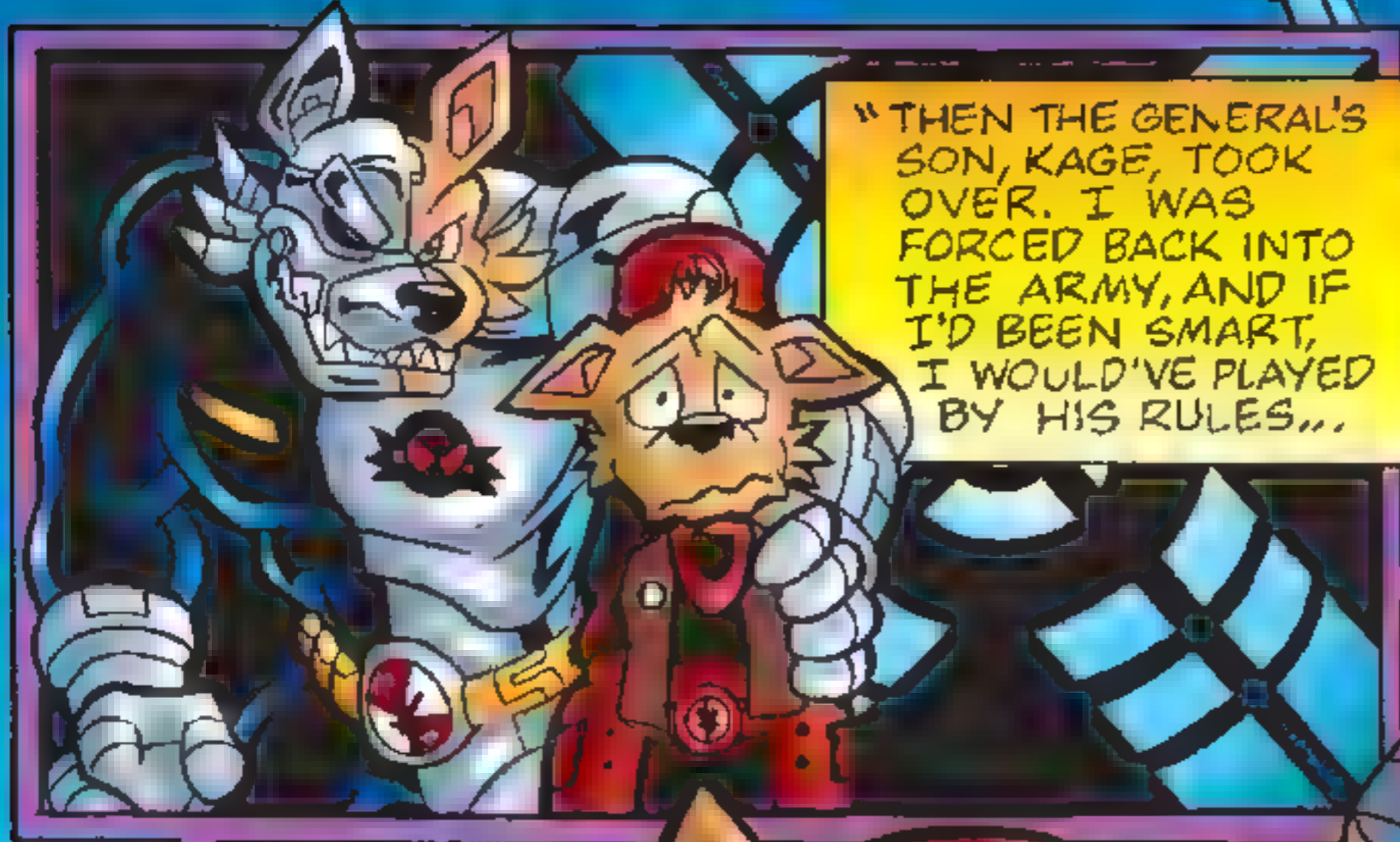
"WHAT'S WRONG" HE ASKS...



I NEVER LIKED THE ARMY. WHEN WE WERE SEALED OFF IN THAT ZONE, I DIDN'T HAVE MUCH OF A CHOICE...

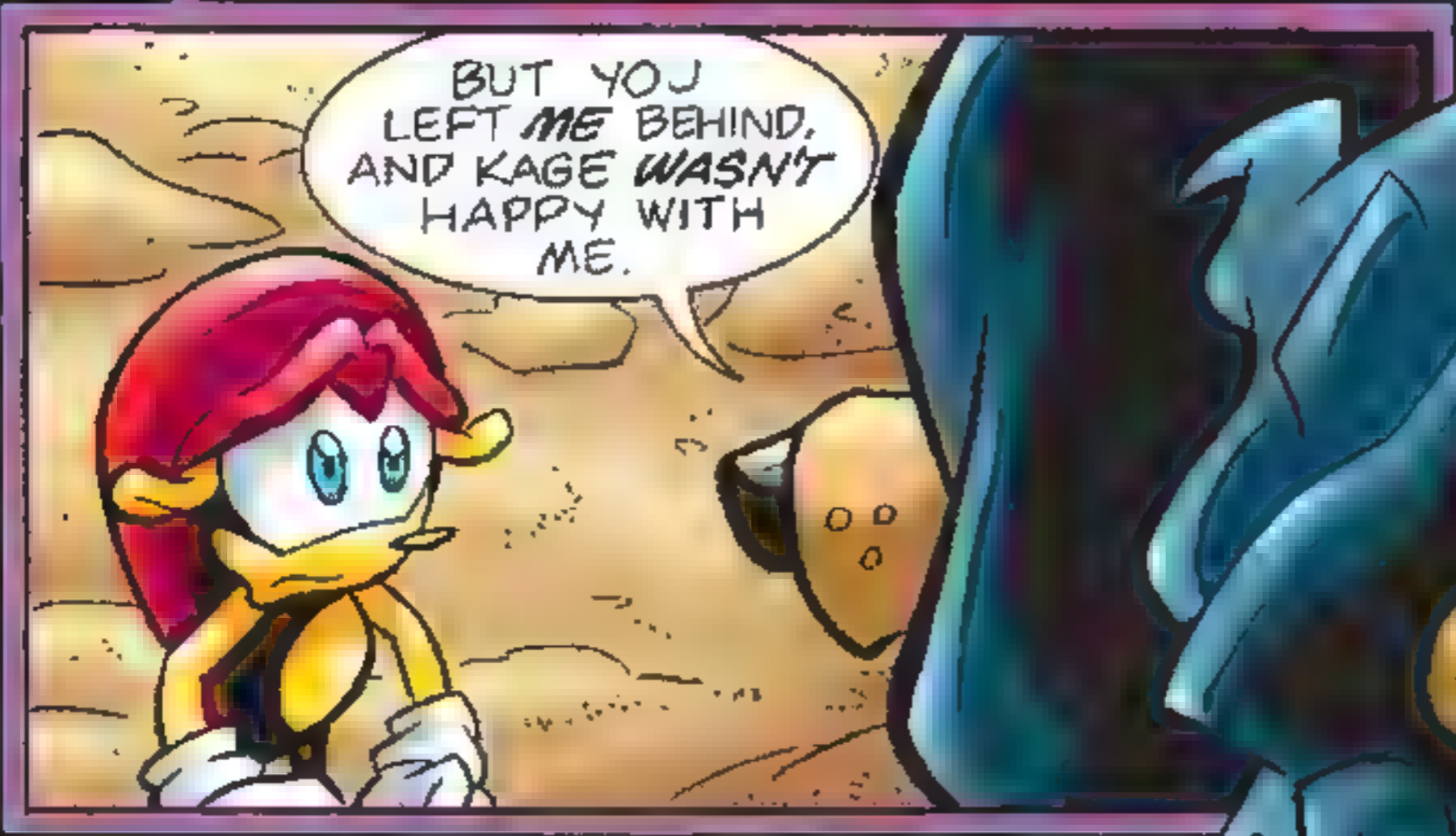
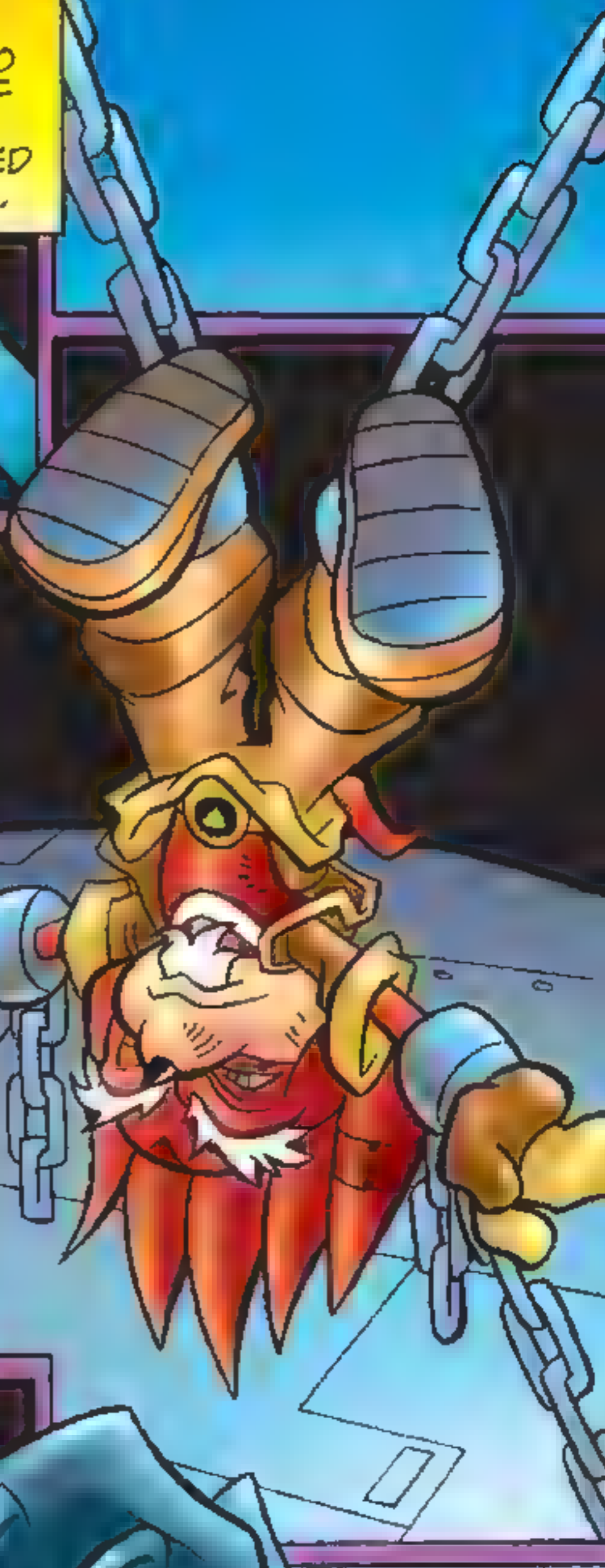
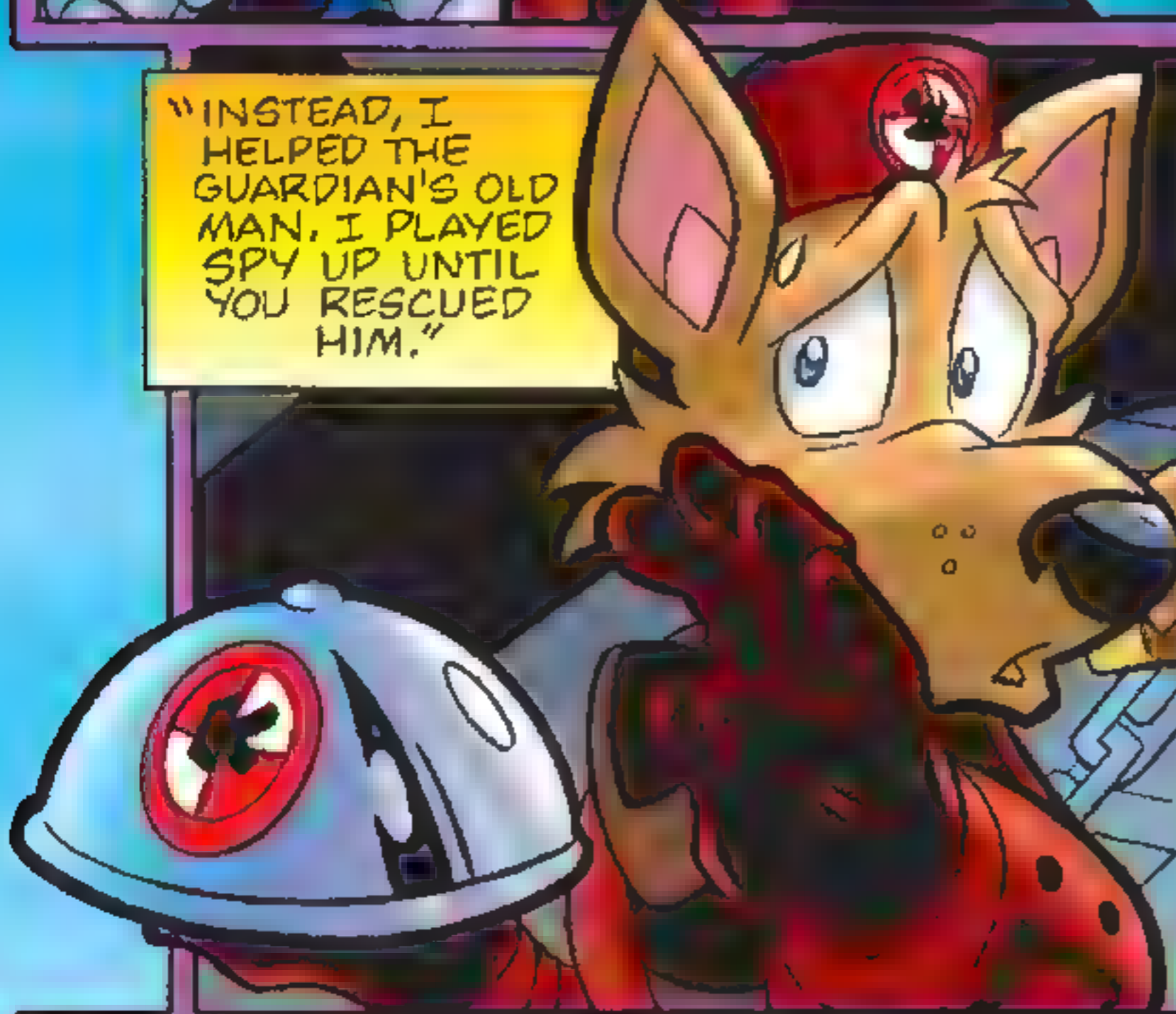


I LOVED MY GIG AS A CABBIE. I DIDN'T HAVE ANYTHING EXCITING UNTIL I RAN INTO YOUR CREW...



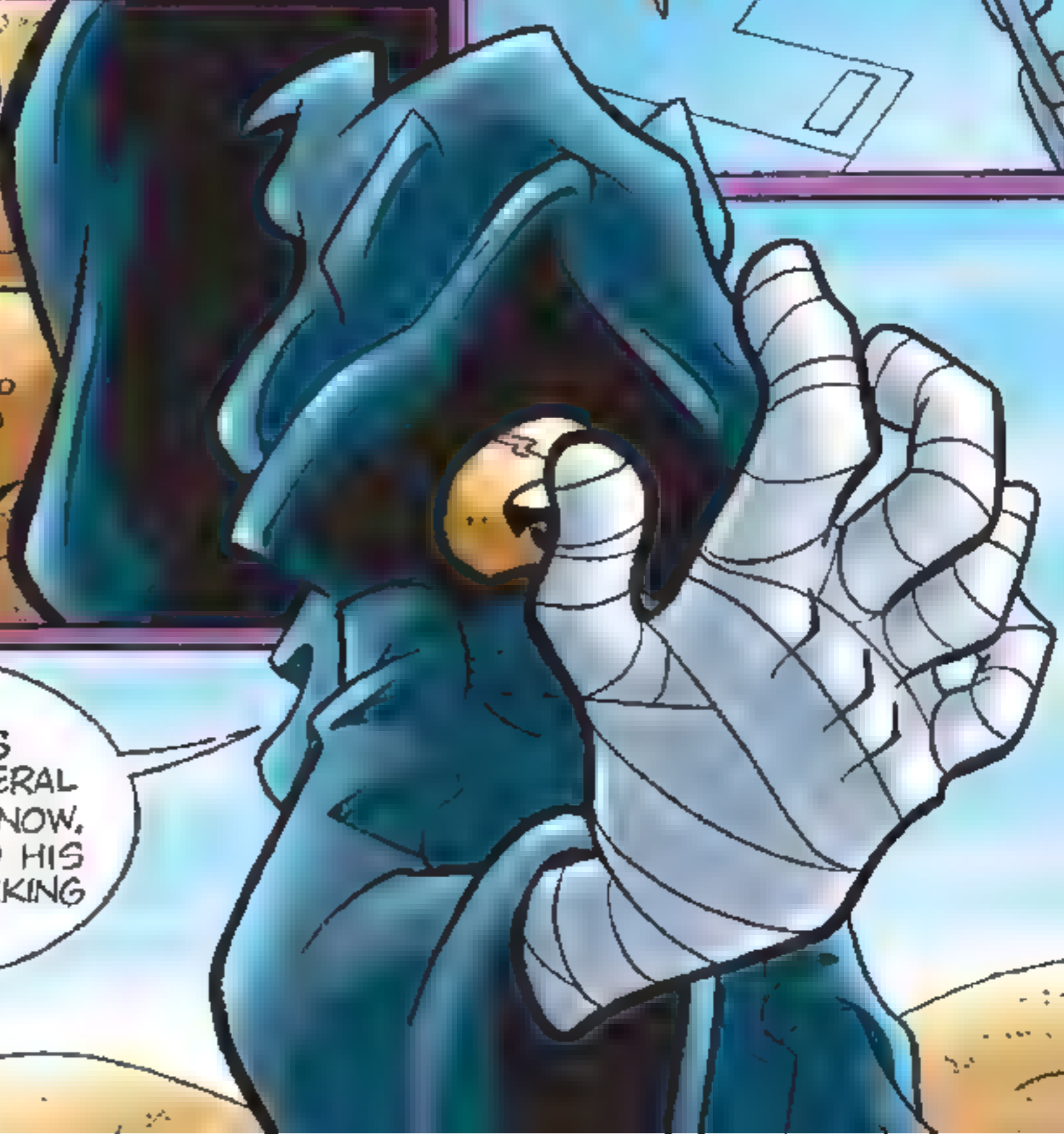
"THEN THE GENERAL'S SON, KAGE, TOOK OVER. I WAS FORCED BACK INTO THE ARMY, AND IF I'D BEEN SMART, I WOULD'VE PLAYED BY HIS RULES..."

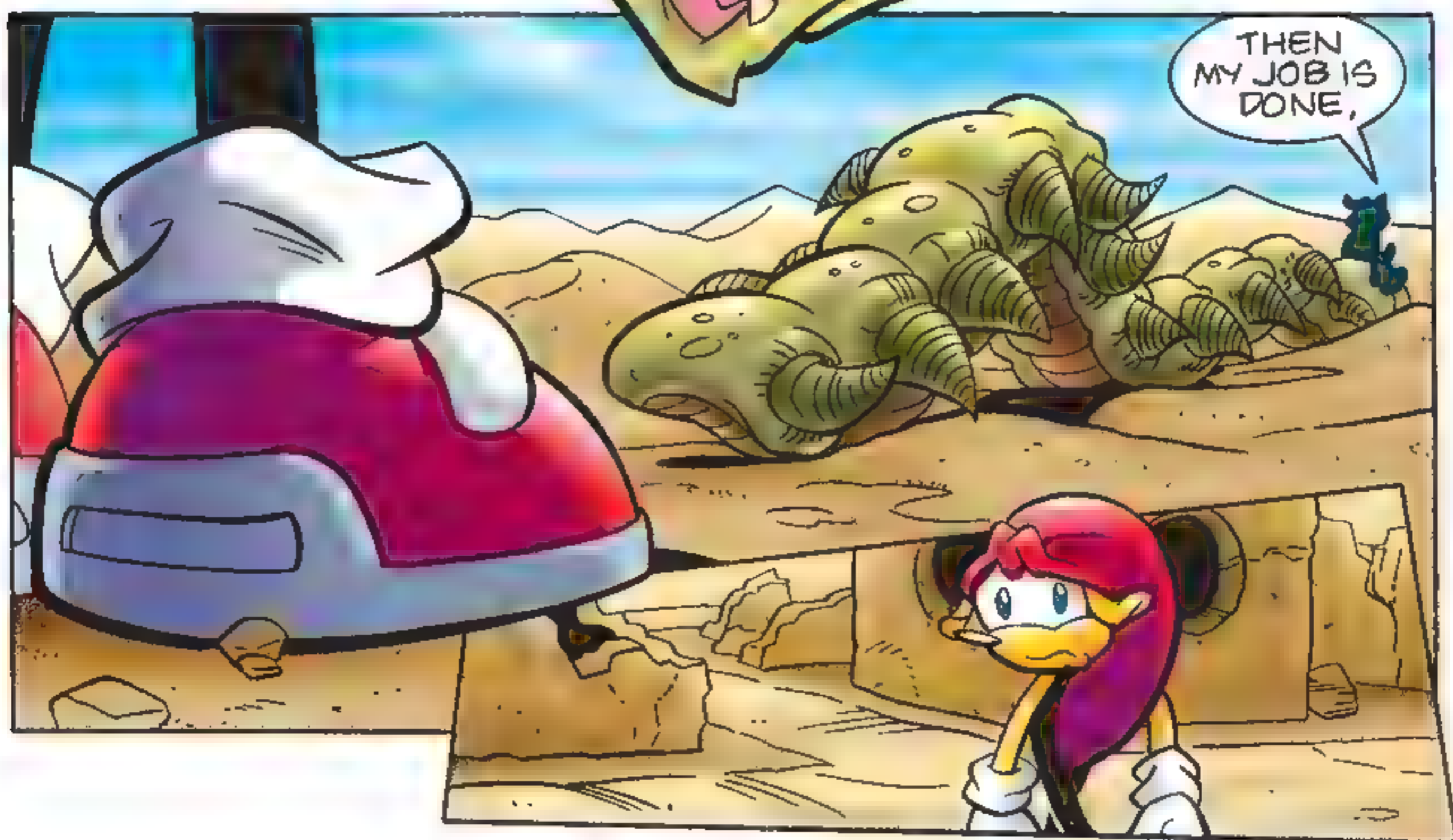
"INSTEAD, I HELPED THE GUARDIAN'S OLD MAN. I PLAYED SPY UP UNTIL YOU RESCUED HIM."

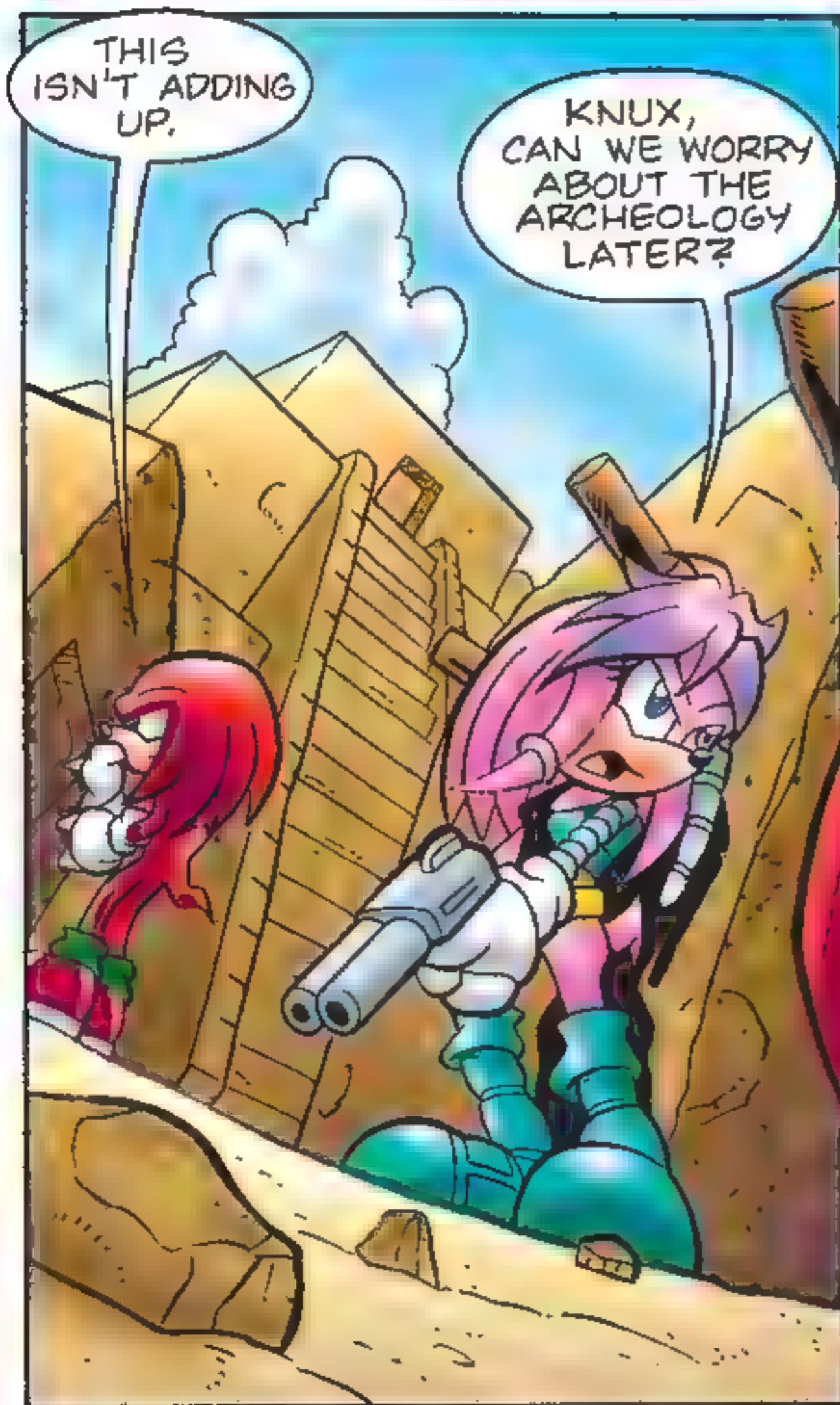


BUT YOU LEFT *ME* BEHIND, AND KAGE *WASN'T* HAPPY WITH ME.

BUT THEN ENERJAK TOSSED US OUT HERE. THE GENERAL TAKES CARE OF US NOW, CALLS ME A HERO TO HIS CAUSE, SO I'M STICKING WITH HIM.

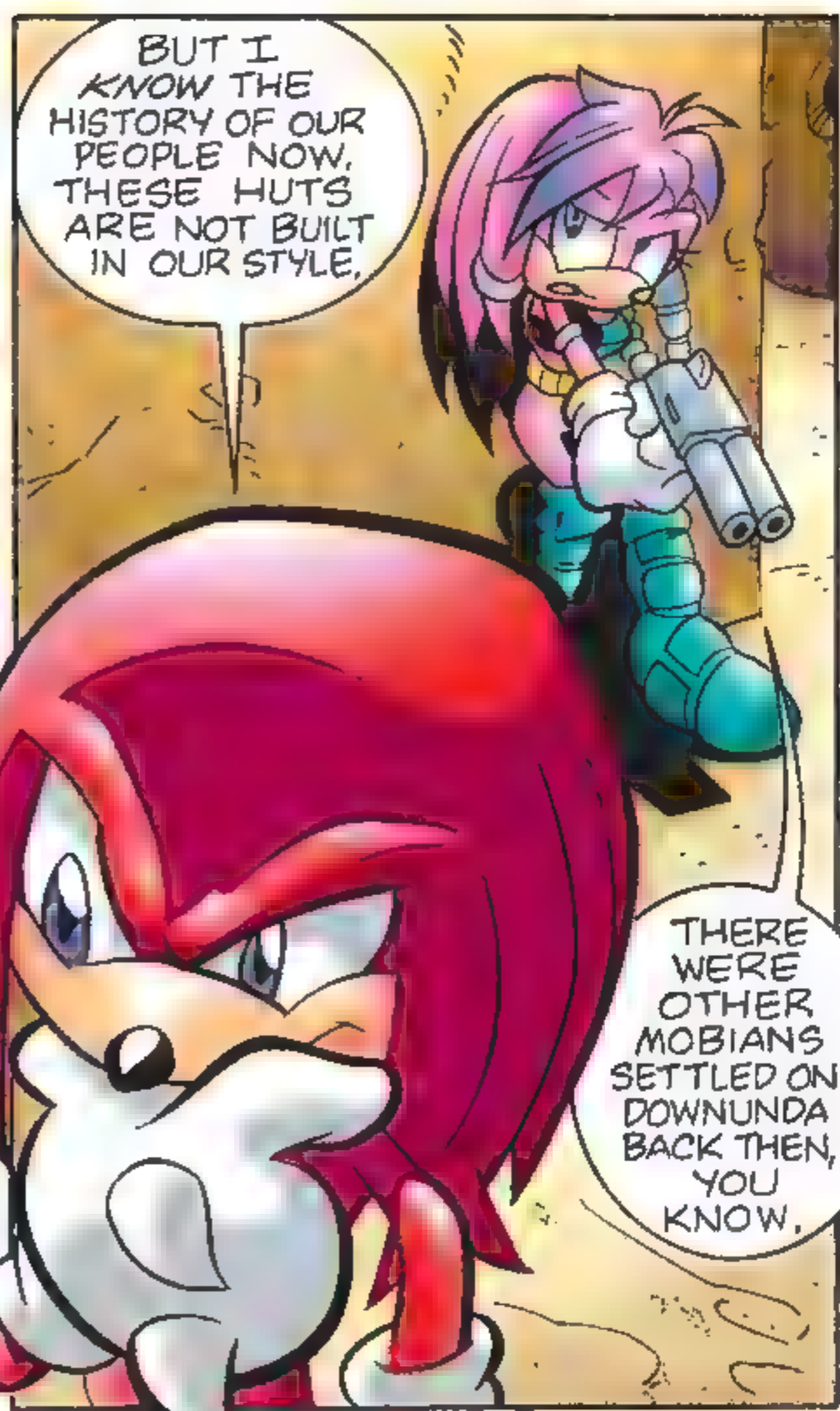






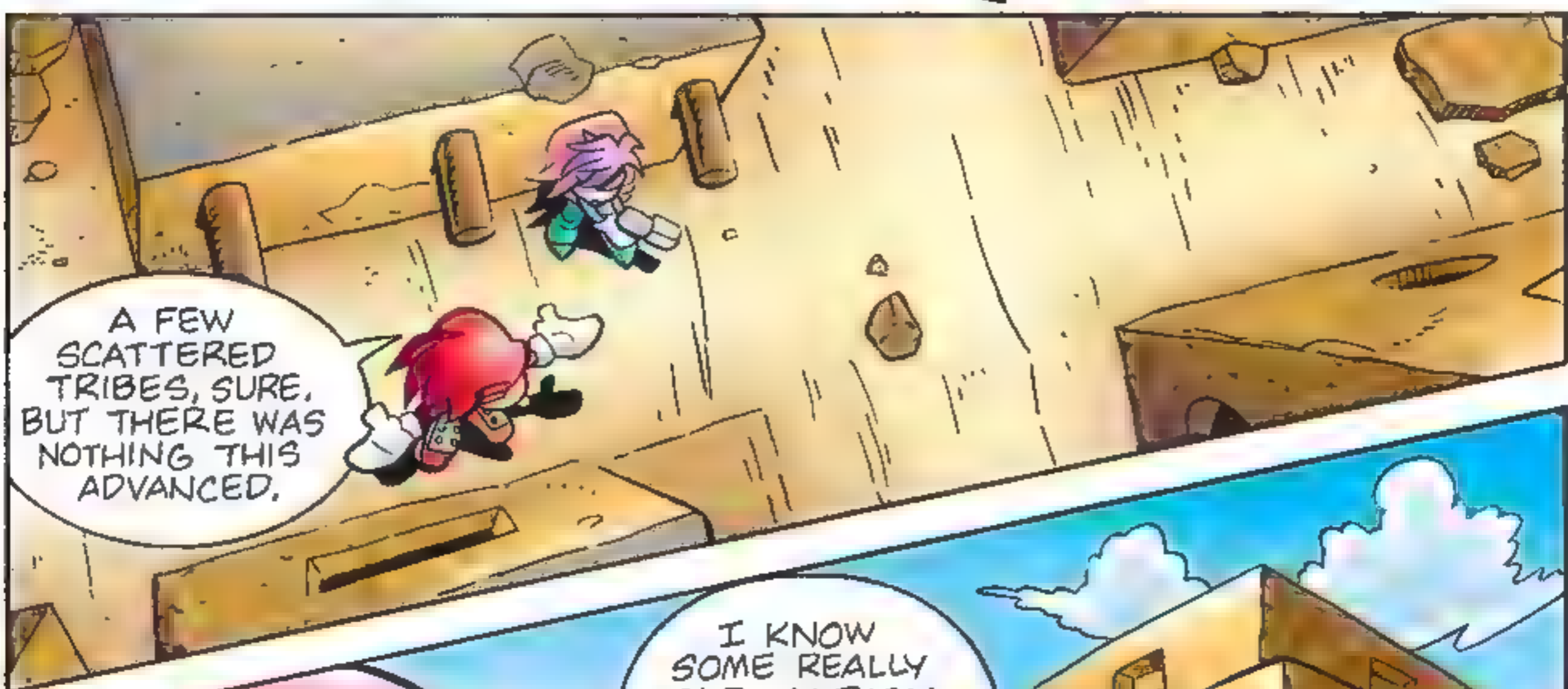
THIS ISN'T ADDING UP.

KNUX, CAN WE WORRY ABOUT THE ARCHEOLOGY LATER?



BUT I KNOW THE HISTORY OF OUR PEOPLE NOW, THESE HUTS ARE NOT BUILT IN OUR STYLE,

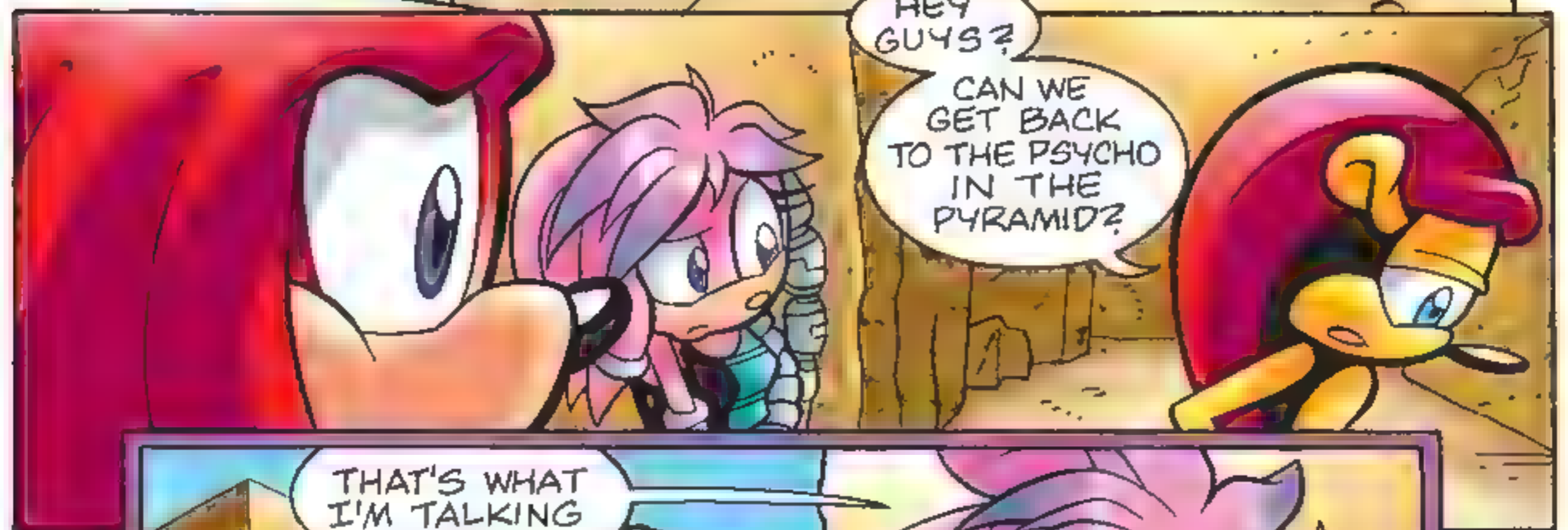
THERE WERE OTHER MOBIANS SETTLED ON DOWNUNDA BACK THEN, YOU KNOW.



A FEW SCATTERED TRIBES, SURE, BUT THERE WAS NOTHING THIS ADVANCED.



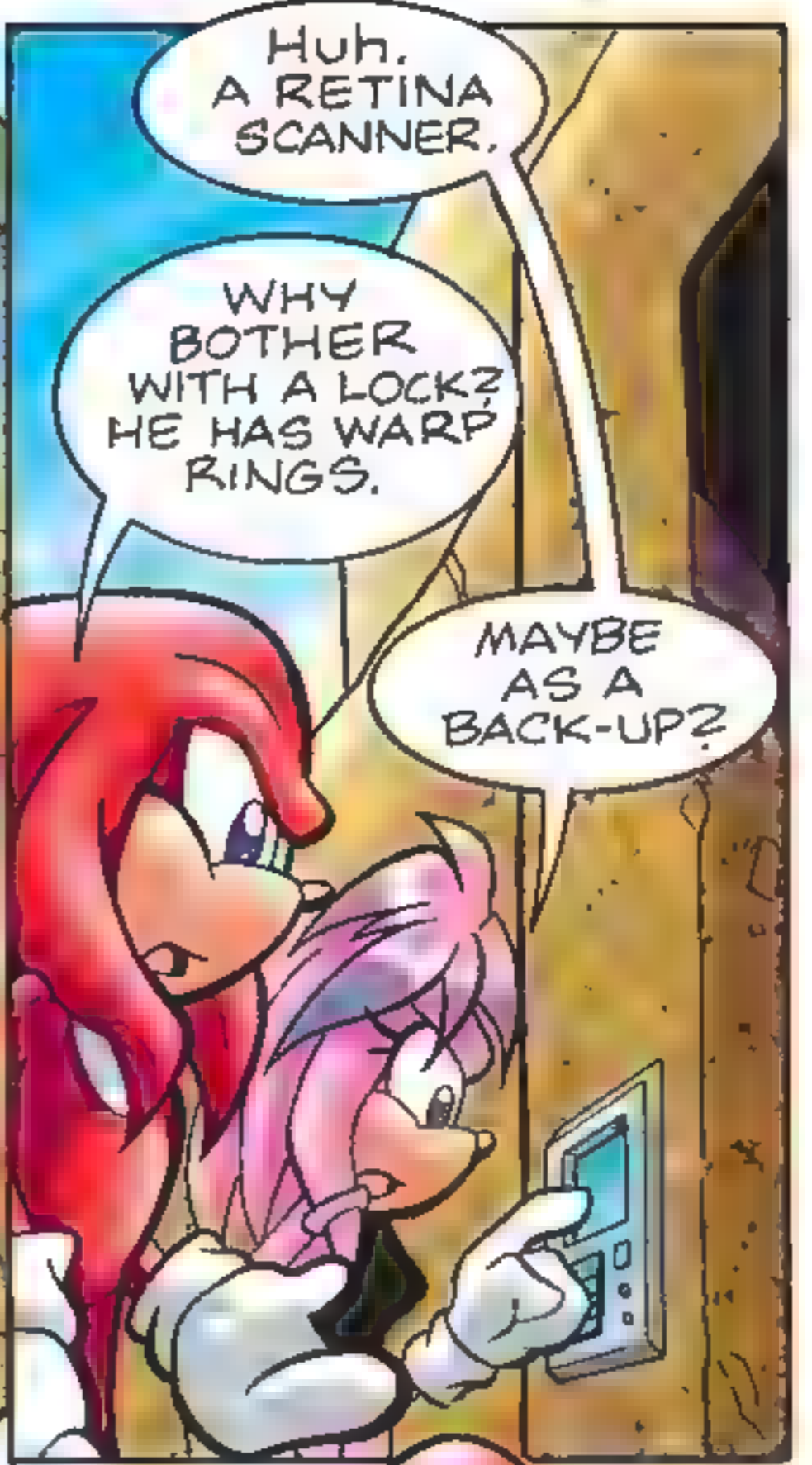
I KNOW SOME REALLY OLD ALBION ARCHITECTURE LOOKED LIKE THAT PYRAMID, BUT...







...SO DO WE KNOCK OR WHAT?



HUH, A RETINA SCANNER.

WHY BOTHER WITH A LOCK? HE HAS WARP RINGS.

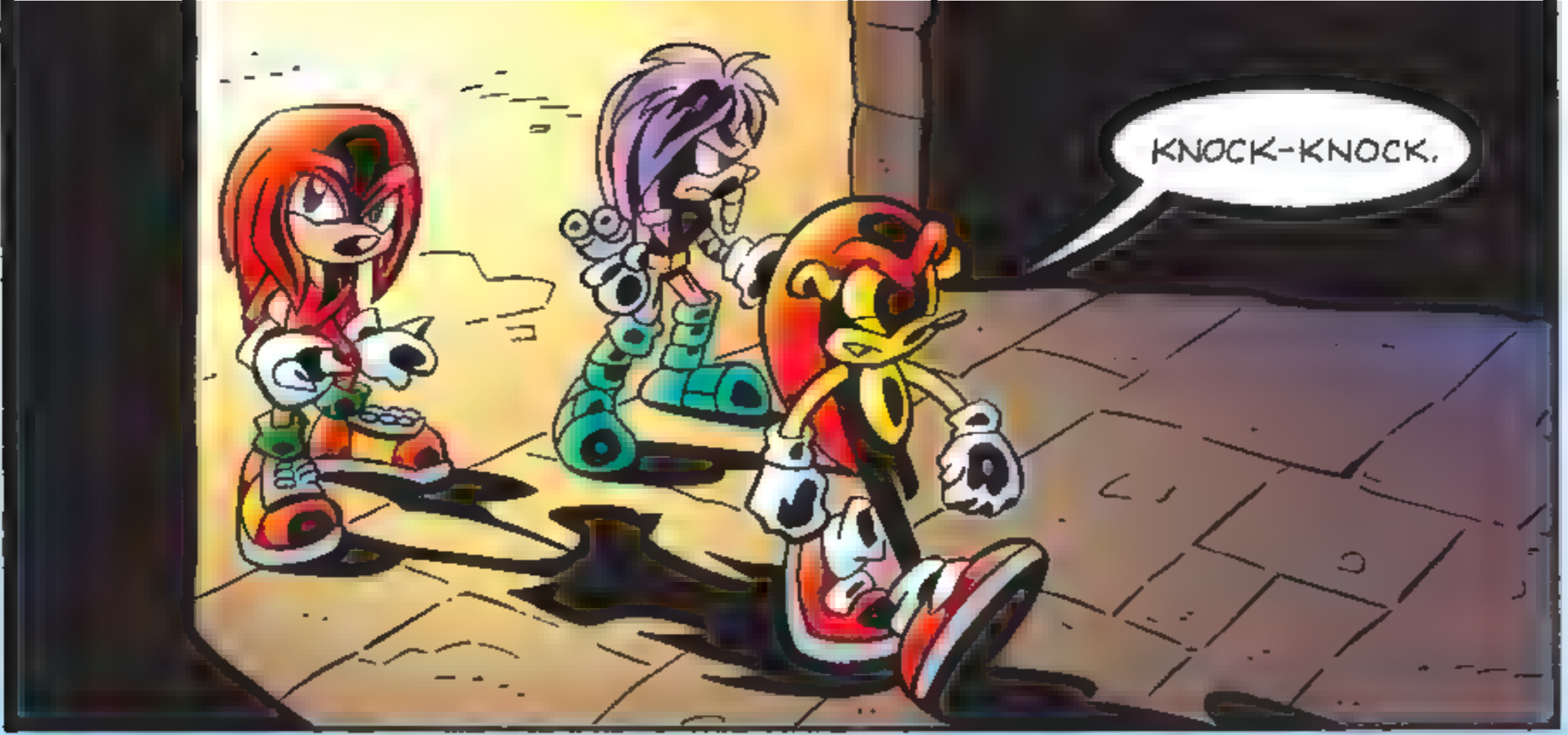
MAYBE AS A BACK-UP?



I MIGHT BE ABLE TO HACK IT IF I CAN FIND A WAY TO INTERFACE WITH IT...

OR WE CAN TRY "KNOCKING".

THOO



KNOCK-KNOCK.



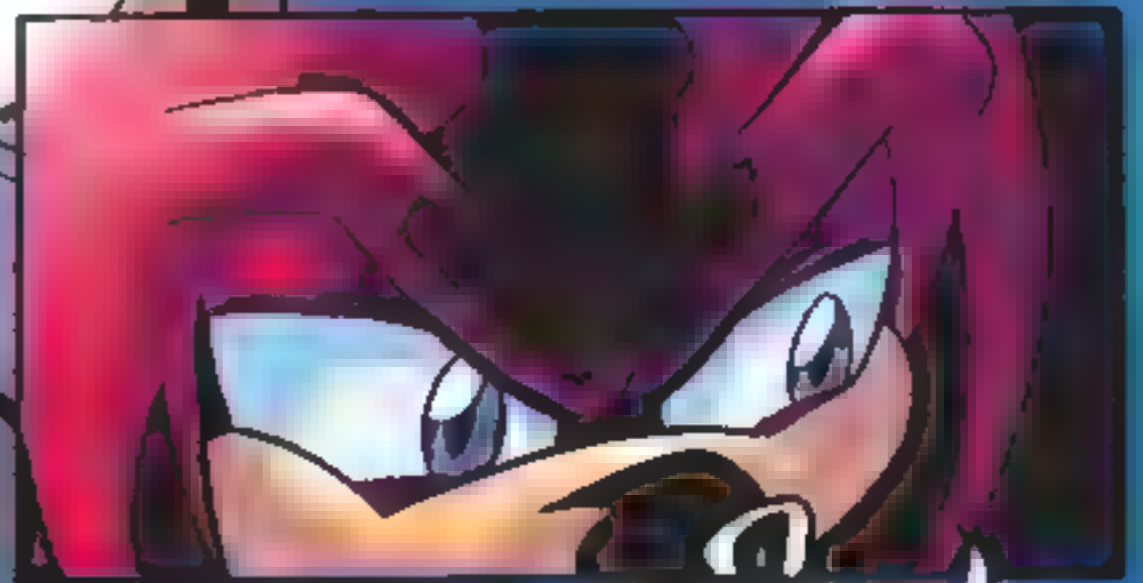
THIS IS AN OLD ALBION STRONGHOLD!

AN ORIGINAL INSTALLATION, EVEN!

ARE YOU SURE?

POSITIVE.

I'VE SEEN OTHER PYRAMIDS LIKE THIS\* BUT I ALWAYS ASSUMED THEY WERE FROM THE ECHIDNAOPOLIS COLONY.

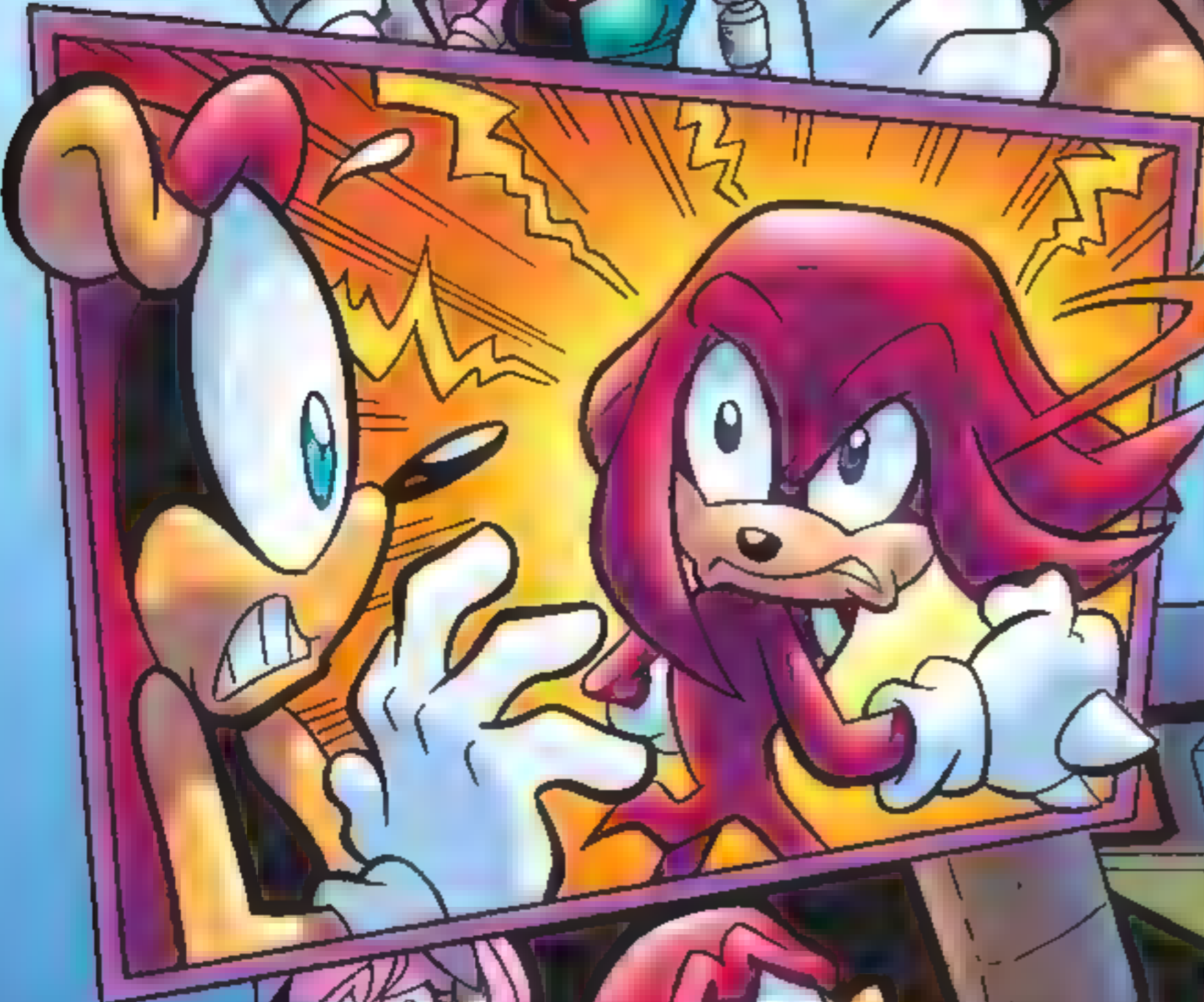


WHY WOULD THEY HAVE A RESEARCH-FORTRESS BUILT IN THE MIDDLE OF A PRIMITIVE DOWNUNDA SETTLEMENT?

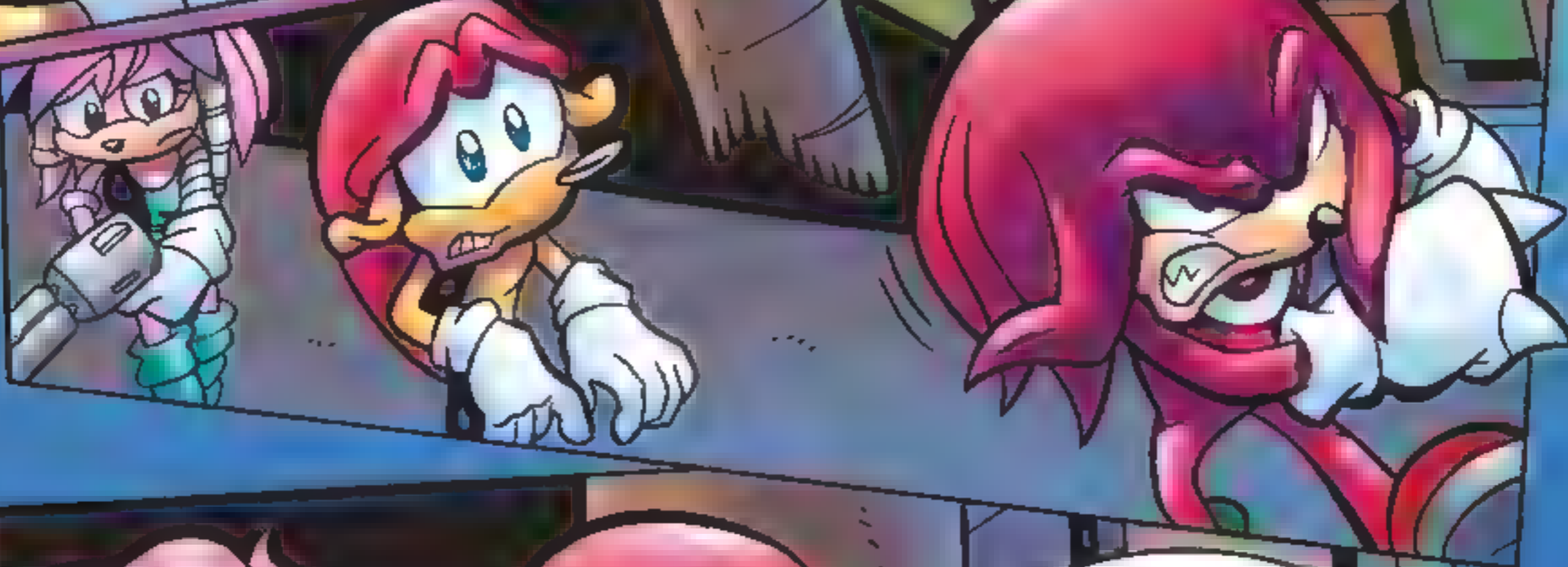
\* AND YOU CAN, TOO, IN SONIC SELECT VOL. 1!

GUYS!  
FINITEVUS!  
FOCUS!

GEE, KNUX,  
I THOUGHT  
THAT AFTER YOU  
HOOKED UP  
WITH ALL YOUR  
ANCESTORS  
YOU GOT ALL  
YOUR ANSWERS  
ABOUT ECHIDNA  
HISTORY.



APPARENTLY  
SOMEONE'S *STILL*  
KEEPING SECRETS  
FROM ME.



WOW,  
I'M NOT DOING  
TOO WELL  
TODAY.



REMEMBER,  
HE'S A HOT-HEAD,  
LET'S KEEP  
MOVING.

**M**EANWHILE--  
SHRINE ISLE

TH-TH-TH-THERE'S  
T-T-T-TOO  
M-M-M-MANY...!

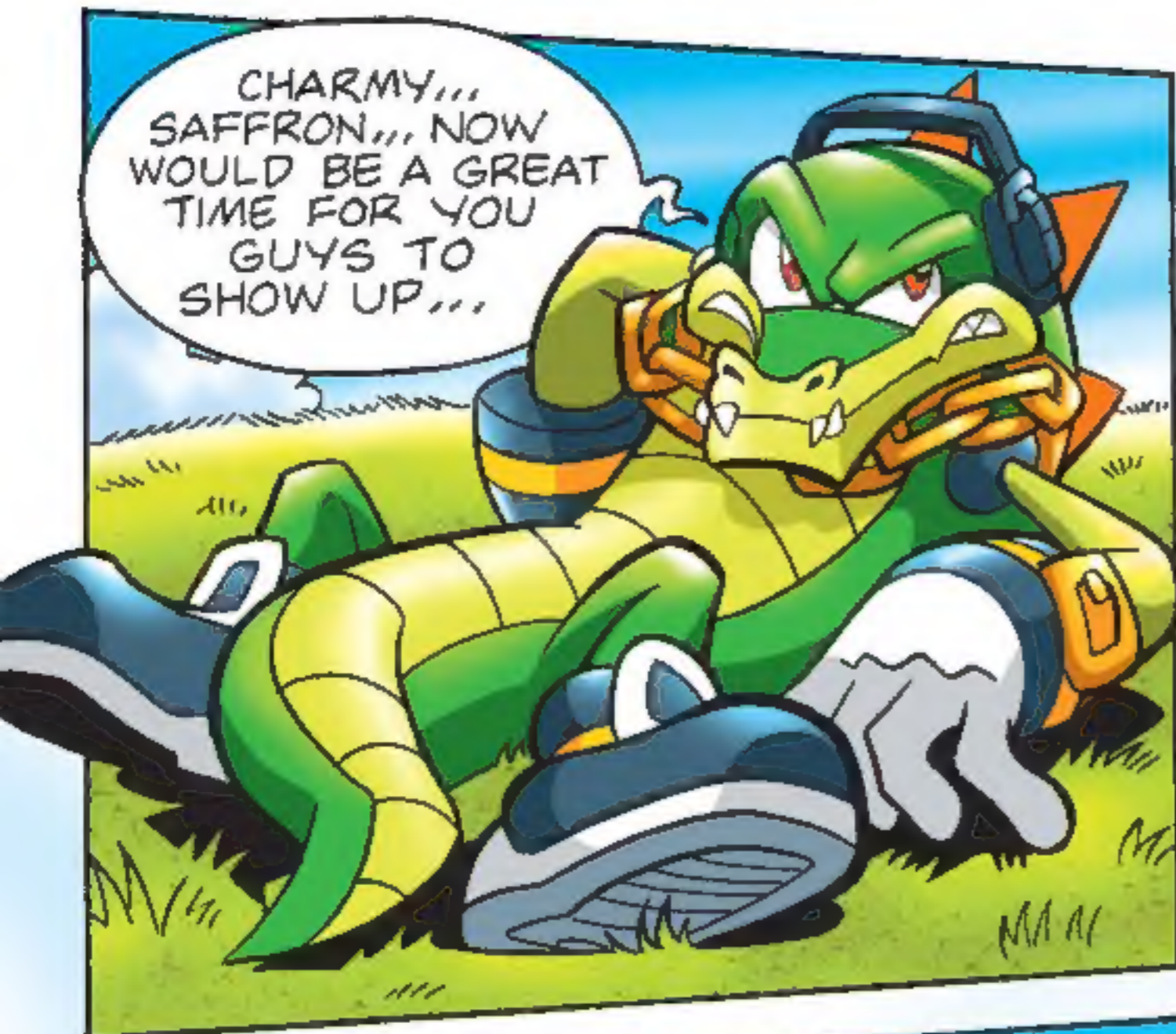
KEEP IT  
TOGETHER,  
KID!

**AAH!**

**WHAP**

GRRK!





CHARMY...  
SAFFRON... NOW  
WOULD BE A GREAT  
TIME FOR YOU  
GUYS TO  
SHOW UP...



I W-W-W-WISH  
ESP-P-P-PIO  
W-W-W-WAS...

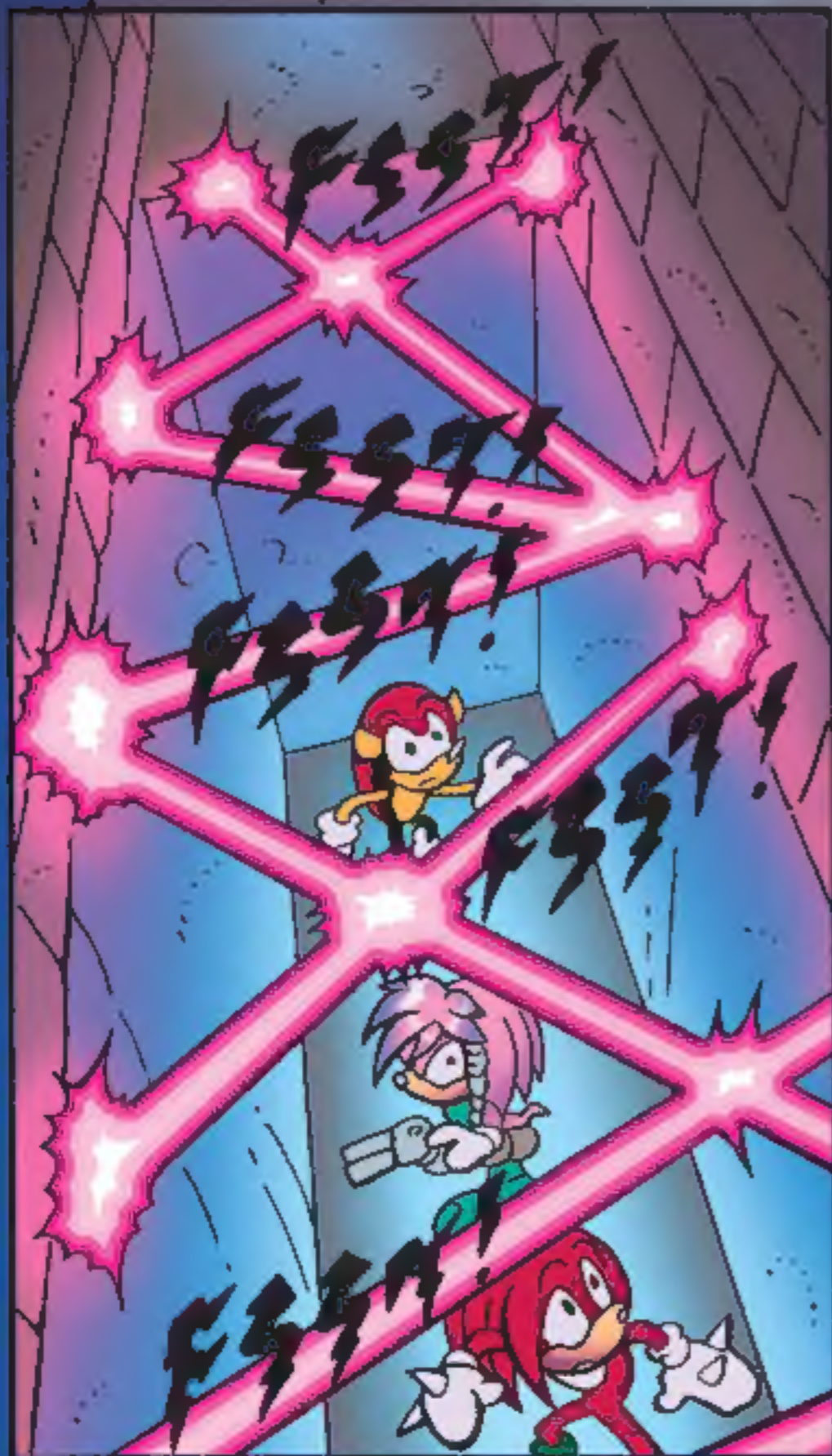
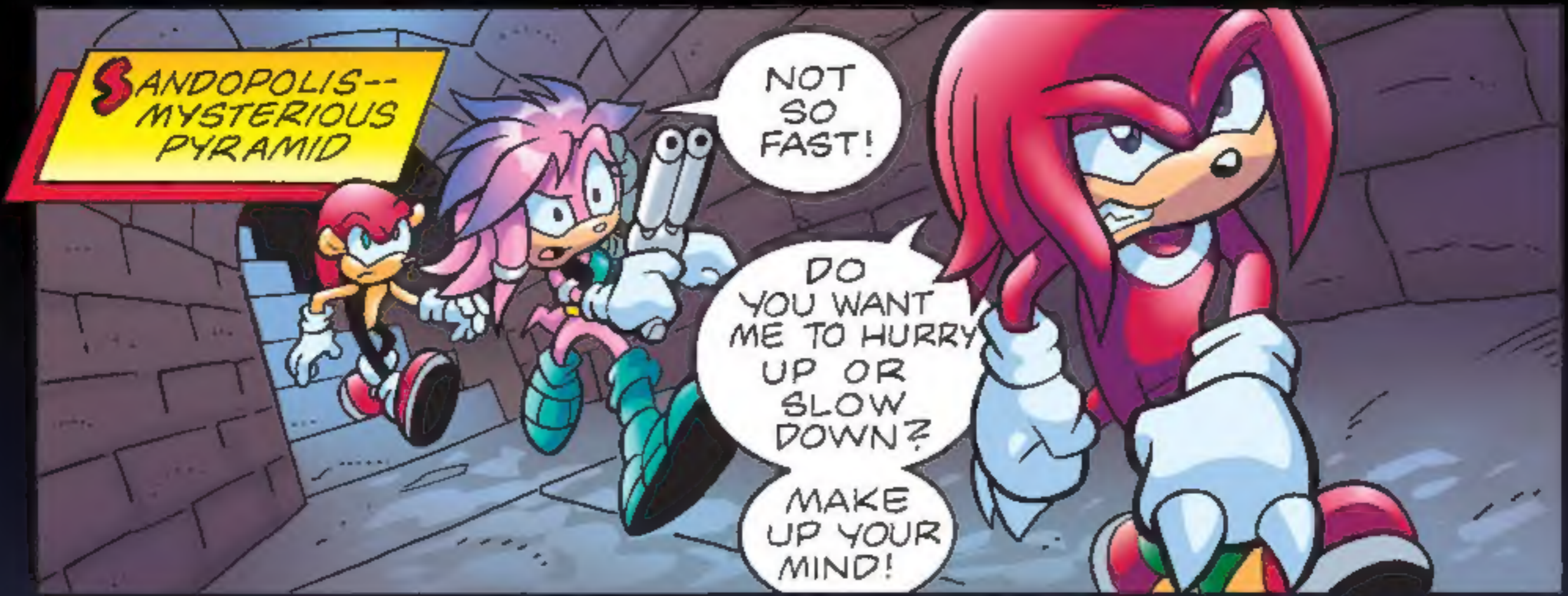



WE DON'T  
NEED THAT  
TRAITOR!

W-W-W-W-WE  
N-NEED  
S-S-S-S-SOMEBOY!

TH-TH-TH-TH--!

I SEE 'EM!  
THEY'RE GOING  
FOR THE MASTER  
EMERALD!





THE WALLS  
ARE CLOSING  
IN!

WE'RE  
TRAPPED!

NOT  
FOR LONG,  
I WANT  
ANSWERS!

You have to escape alive first,  
Knuckles!

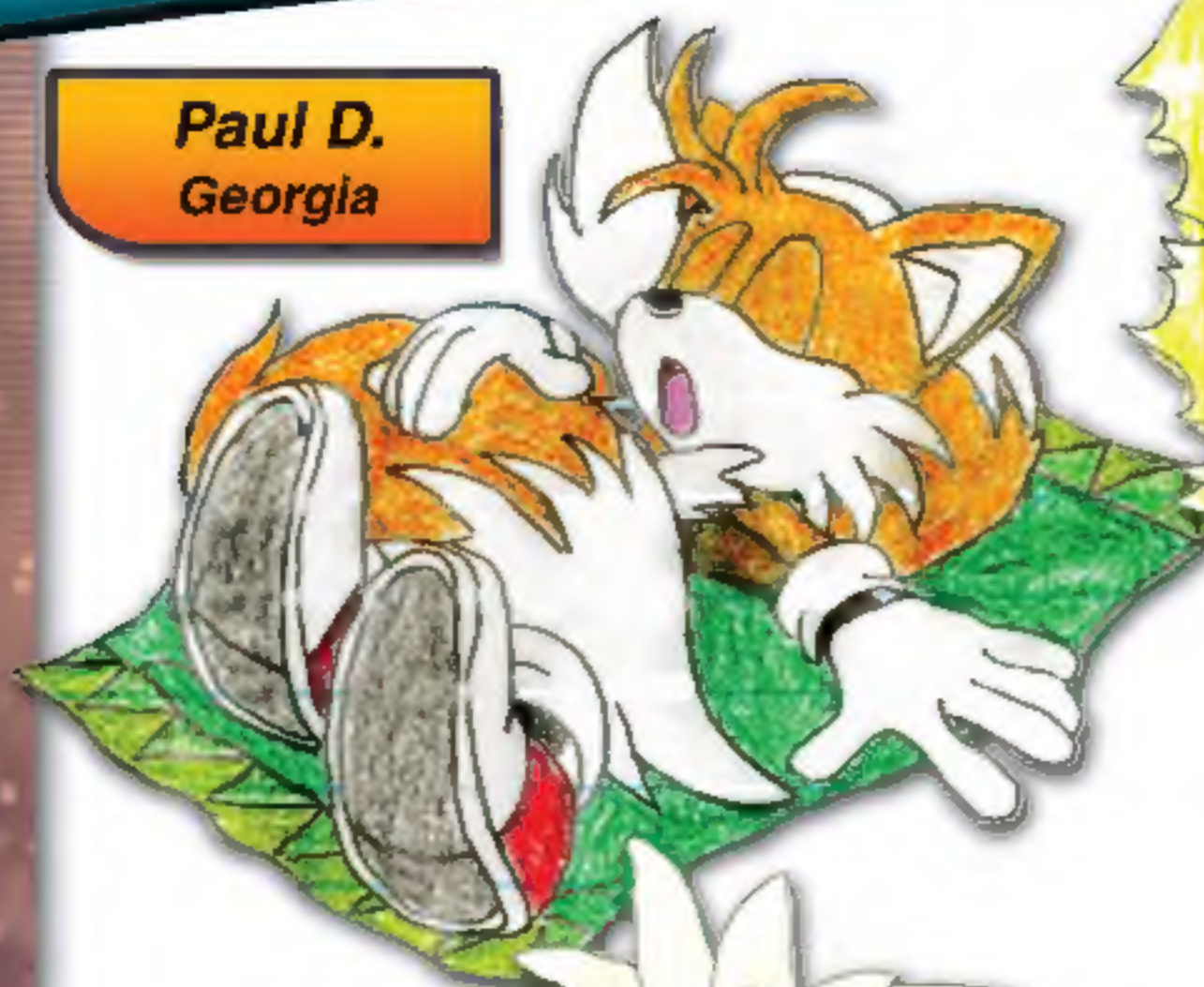
And what about Vector and Ray  
against the robot horde?

The mysteries deepen and the  
stakes are raised next time in

**SONIC  
UNIVERSE!**



**Paul D.  
Georgia**



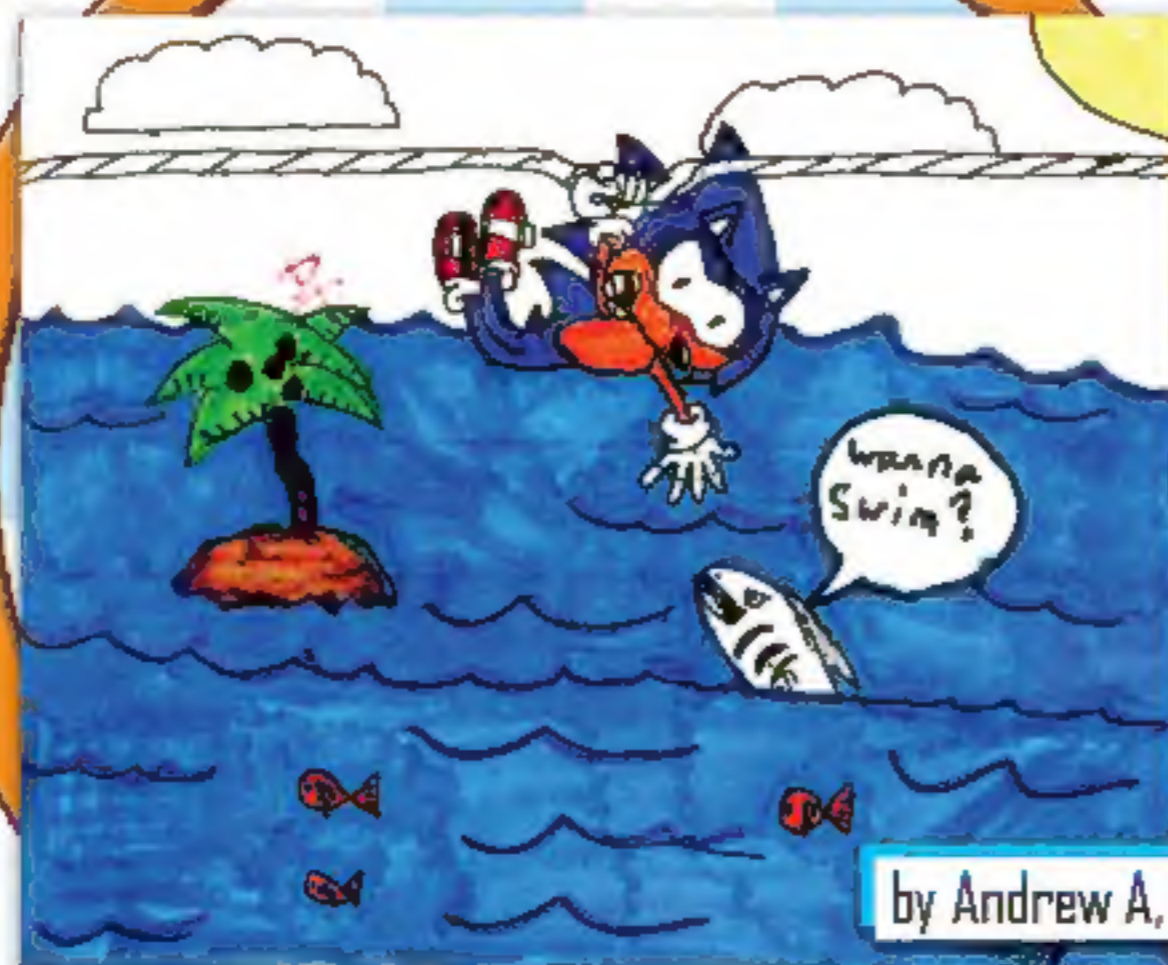
**Maddie T.  
Indiana**



**Cameran K.  
California**



## FAN FUNNIES!



by Andrew A, from California

**HANG IN THERE SONIC!**

## HEY, KIDS!

LOVE "OFF PANEL"?  
WANNA WRITE YOUR OWN  
HILARIOUS SONIC COMIC STRIPS?? SEND  
YOUR GUT-BUSTING SONIC STRIP TO:

MY SONIC FAN FUNNIES C/O  
ARCHIE COMICS PUBLICATIONS, INC.  
P.O. BOX #419 MAMARONECK  
NY 10543-0419 E-MAIL:  
SONIC@ARCHIECOMICS.COM

